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**RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE MAILED DECEMBER 12, 2003, AND**  
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed December 12, 2003 (hereinafter "the Notice"), the applicants respectfully submit the following: replacement drawings, paper copy of the sequence listing, sequence listing in computer readable form, sequence listing statement, preliminary amendment, copy of the pending Notice, and a petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the pending Notice. The Patent Office is authorized to debit the small-entity fee for the extension of time from Deposit Account No. 13-2940. The applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due. However, if this is belief is in error, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to debit any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2940.

Prior to the examination of the application mentioned above, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks herein. The amendments are requested without disclaimer of any subject matter, without prejudice to future prosecution, and without presumption that the actions are taken for any reason related to patentability.